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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MASS, BL
SUBJECT: SUBMACHINE GUNS FOR BOLIVIAN CUSTOMS

REF: STATE 36643

1. WE HAVE CONVEYED THE SUBSTANCE OF PARAGRAPH 1(A) OF REFTEL TO THE GOB VIA DIPLOMATIC NOTE.

2. I HAVE EXPLAINED TO THE MINISTER OF FINANCE, WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CUSTOMS SERVICE, THAT THIS LICENSE IS BEING GRANTED IN VIEW OF THE WORK OF CUSTOMS OFFICIALS IN THE SUPPRESSION OF NARCOTICS SMUGGLING, NOTING THAT WE EXPECT THE ARMS TO BE USED IN SUPPORT OF THIS EFFORT. THIS MESSAGE HAS ALSO BEEN CONVEYED DIRECTLY TO CUSTOMS AUTHORITIES.

3. WITH REGARD TO FUTURE WEAPONS SALES, THE EMBASSY CONTINUES TO ENCOURAGE SENIOR BOLIVIAN OFFICIALS TO MAINTAIN THE PRESENT GOB POLICY OF NOT ENGAGING IN SIGNIFICANT ARMS PURCHASES. HOWEVER, AS WE HAVE OFFERED \$14 MILLION IN FMS CREDITS TO BOLIVIA, IT WOULD BE INCONSISTENT TO ATTEMPT TO REJECT IN ADVANCE REQUESTS FOR LEGITIMATE ARMS PRUCHASES, ALTHOUGH WE HOPE THE CREDIT WILL BE USED FOR PURCHASE OF NON-ARMAMENT ITEMS, SUCH AS MILITARY HOSPITAL EQUIPMENT. IN ANY EVENT, I HAVE ADVISED
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THE MINISTER THAT ANY FUTURE WEAPONS REQUESTS WOULD HAVE TO BE CONSIDERED ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS.

4. I ASSUME THAT THE LICENSE FOR EXPORTATION OF THESE WEAPONS WILL NOW BE APPROVED PROMPTLY, AND I WOULD APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION OF THIS ACTION WHEN IT IS TAKEN.
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Message Attributes

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